capital investment made by the Government in these three years as follows:—

(In crore of Rupees)

Year	Dividend received	Capital invested during the year
1998-1999	2556	3034
1999-2000	4155	7705
2000-2001	3323	4162

Illegal imports of Cardamom and Tea

2431. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been illegal imports of cardamom, tea, arecanut, coconut and pepper through non-designated ports and under invoicing; and

(b) if so, the action taken to curb these illegal imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) some cases of illegal imports of cardamom, tea, arecanut and pepper through non-designated ports under invoicing have been detected by field formations of Customs department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence during last three years, details of which are as per enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) All field formations of the Customs department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to detect and prevent illegal import of goods including cardamom, tea, arecanut, coconut and pepper into the country.

Statement

Details of cases of Illegal imports of cardamom, tea, arecanut, coconut and pepper through non-designated ports and under-invoicing detected by field formations of customs department including DRI during last 3 years

Commodity	1999-2000				2000-2001				2001-2002			
	Illegal import through non-designated ports		Under invoicing		Illegal import through non-designated ports		Under-invoicing		Illegal import through non-designated ports		Under-invoicing	
	No. of cases	Value of goods sezied (Rs. in lakhs	No. of cases	Value of goods seized (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of cases	Value of goods seized (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of cases	Value of goods seized (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of cases	Value of goods seized (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of casesof	Value goods seized (Rs. in lakhs)
Cardamom	138	152.36	—	—	28	6.27	—	—	13	12.75	—	—
Tea	1	10.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arecanut	146	89.47	7	429.75	210	104.04	—	—	214	51.81	—	—
Coconut	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pepper	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	NA